



SHOWCASE

What is a Showcase?

On the cover of your Project InCiTE notebook (from the August 2009 Retreat), you will find listed at the end of Year One: *“Presentation of Projects – May 2010 – Two-day presentation of the final projects to the community and potential funders.”* This two-day presentation is what has periodically referred to as a “showcase”.

Just as you are becoming familiar with this interchange of terminology, we are eliminating the two-day presentation/showcase structure. In its place, we will be working with you to individually have the opportunity to “pitch” your project concept. We will connect you with the community and potential funders that will most likely be interested in your particular project. It is our expectation that this will be more beneficial to each of you.

When will this occur?

Because we are individualizing this to each of you, the dates will vary based on your situation. It is our hope that, if you have a project that can be implemented for testing this summer, we can have you in front of a community and potential funders that may have interest as soon as possible...perhaps mid-March.

It is still our expectation that each of you be prepared to present your project concept no later than the end of May 2010.

What do I need in preparation for this?

- Concept Paper
- Sponsor and Organization Support
- Presentation Skills

How can my coach help me prepare?

Your coach:

- Has the experience and supplemental materials to help you develop your Project Concept into a documented Concept Paper.
- Can help you organize your information into a meaningful and impactful presentation.
- Can help you practice and enhance your presentation skills.
- Can help you strategize how to ensure the greatest level of confidence in you and support for your Project from your sponsor and organization.

Will there be an opportunity to network and to collaborate in-person with the other fellows (since we are not convening as a group for two days in May)?

Yes! We are currently making plans for a two-day retreat in June. We will have more information about this for you soon.